



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 45

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AN ACT CONCERNING HIGHER EDUCATION REMEDIATION PROGRAMS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to study issues concerning remediation. The task force, in collaboration
3 with the Department of Education's PK-20 Council, shall examine (1)
4 the alignment of standards for high school graduation and higher
5 education level study, (2) strategies for early testing of higher
6 education readiness and early remediation to address student needs
7 and achievement gaps, (3) opportunities at the higher education level,
8 including early higher education experiences and bridge programs
9 that reduce the need for developmental education, address
10 achievement gaps and accelerate the completion of certificate and
11 degree programs, and (4) the collection and analysis of outcome data
12 throughout the educational and workforce development continuum.

13 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

14 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

15 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

16 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
17 Representatives;

- 18 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;
- 19 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
20 Representatives;
- 21 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;
- 22 (7) The Commissioner of Higher Education, or the commissioner's
23 designee;
- 24 (8) The Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee;
- 25 (9) A representative of the regional community-technical college
26 system, who shall be appointed by the Commissioner of Higher
27 Education; and
- 28 (10) A representative of the Connecticut State University System,
29 who shall be appointed by the Commissioner of Higher Education.
- 30 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
31 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
32 of the General Assembly.
- 33 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
34 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
35 filled by the appointing authority.
- 36 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
37 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force
38 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall
39 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not
40 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.
- 41 (f) The administrative staff of the regional community-technical
42 college system shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.
- 43 (g) Not later than January 1, 2011, the task force shall submit a
44 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing

45 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
46 relating to education and higher education, in accordance with the
47 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall
48 terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2011,
49 whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

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